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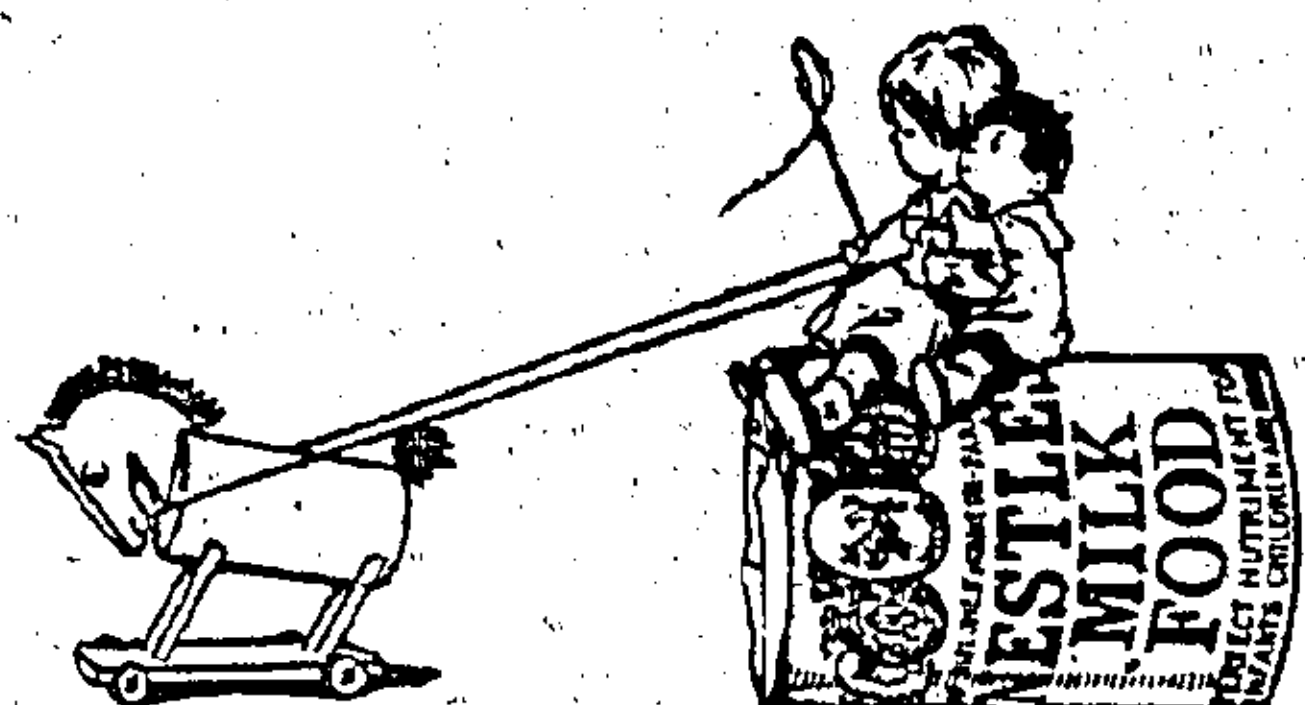
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THE ALLEGED ROBBERY AT
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Mr. Hazeland heard additional evidence
yesterday in the charge against six
Chinese charged with committing an armed
robbery at Yau mati.
Mr. P. V. Gidding represented the first
and third defendants, Mr. Pre ton defend-
ed the fifth, while the fourth and sixth
were unrepresented.
A rent collector gave evidence to the
effect that several robbers rushed into the
house on the night of Dec. 5 when he was
saying good-bye to a friend. Two first and
fourth defendants looked like the robbers
and he "recognized the second, third and
fifth slightly."
Mr. Gidding asked witness if it
was not a fact that he and the fifth of the
house had gambled or spent money belong-
ing to their mother in Yau mati and that
the charge was made to save them-
selves.
Witness replied that it was not so.
The hearing was again adjourned.

BRITISH ADMIRALS.
The oldest of the British admirals on
the active list is Sir Douglas Gamble,
who has completed his 65th year, and
commands the Fourth Battle Squadron
with his flag in the Dreadnought. Vice-
Admiral Sir Lewis Bayly, commanding
the First Battle Squadron, and Vice-
Admiral Gordon are both 57, while the
commander-in-chief, Sir John Jellicoe,
was 55 on the 5th of December. The
youngest of the officers who have reached
flag rank is still Sir David Beatty, who
will not be 44 until January; but Com-
modore Roger Keyes, who is in charge
of his submarine service is only 42. Out
of the whole 30 officers only four are
younger than Nelson was at Trafalgar;
but the four who took part in the action
off Heligoland and who are still employ-
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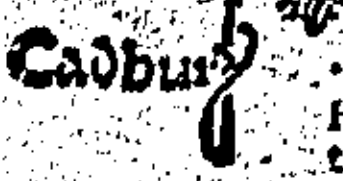
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THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CONTRABAND.

SOME MODIFICATIONS OF PRESENT REGULATIONS.

THE OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND POLAND.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

GERMAN BATTERIES SILENCED.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.5 p.m.
A Paris communique states—From the sea to the Oise wet weather has been experienced. There were some artillery duels. Our heavy guns opposite Neulesse silenced German batteries. There has been a particularly violent cannonading in the Aisne district and at Champagne our batteries maintained their superiority and shelled violently the enemy's reserves.

MARKED PROGRESS IN UPPER ALSACE.

In Upper Alsace the progress of the French troops is again marked. Yesterday they occupied the neighbourhood of the church of Steinbach, the cemetery, and, in the region of Perthes, seized several points d'appui. There has been intermittent cannonading from the Argonne to the Meuse and the heights of the Meuse. The French unsuccessfully attempted to carry Bour- heights. Their progress was continued at Bois-le-Petre, however, and they carried an important height to the westward of Cernay and repulsed a counter-attack made against the position.

GERMANS ADMIT THE LOSS OF STEINBACH.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 3.50 p.m.
A telegram from Amsterdam states that a Berlin communique admits that the French have taken Steinbach despite severe German resistance.

(Official Telegram from French Government via Peking.)

Circular No. 122 states:—On the 2nd inst. north of the Lys the Germans showed only slight activity, except in the Zonnebeke region where they bombarded. Artillery fighting prevailed in the Albert and Boye regions. French batteries destroyed several trenches and a barricade on Albert-Peronne road; also a German commanding post at Mouchy. French infantry progressed 500 metres in the vicinity of Laboisselle. Lively artillery fighting prevailed west and east of Crumme. The French exploded two mine furnaces in the Rheims sector and progressed 30 metres in the vicinity of Perthes les Hurles and 300 metres near Beau Sejour. In Lagrurie wood the Germans sustained very heavy losses. Rain and bad weather prevailing in Verdun region and also on heights of Meuse, allowed only an artillery duel, in the course of which the enemy continued to bombard villages situated in French lines.

The French destroyed a blockhouse in the vicinity of Marcheville and added 50 metres to the previous gains obtained on the 27th December in Bouchot wood. East of Woivre the French progress was limited to Lepretre wood. The French maintained their previous gains in the Thann region and bombarded a German military train at Altkirk Station. They also destroyed several points on the Charspach and Despach Railway line (south-west of Altkirk).

GREAT BRITAIN AND CONTRABAND.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.25 p.m.
A telegram from Washington states that the British Embassy has notified that copper shipped before it had been declared contraband would, if seized, be paid for or released.
No cargoes for Italy have been detained at Gibraltar since Dec. 4, and negotiations are proceeding in London to remove the embargo on rubber.

RUSSIANS PROGRESSING IN POLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.15 a.m.
A Petrograd communique says:—There has been a severe artillery engagement along the whole front on the left bank of the Vistula.
German attempts to advance at various points of the Bzura were unsuccessful. The enemy were discovered crossing the Bzura early on Saturday morning. They were attacked by the uyanos. The few survivors surrendered. There was also desperate all night fighting on Friday to the north-east of Bzura, ending in the dislodgment of the enemy from a portion of the trenches they had captured.
A German Brigade on Saturday afternoon attacked our position north-east of Bolimoff. They were repulsed with heavy loss.
The enemy's attacks near Wolvino, south of the Vistula, were repulsed.

AUSTRIANS FLEEING BEFORE THE RUSSIANS.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.15 a.m.
A Petrograd communique says:—We are advancing successfully in the Uzok and Rodoky Passes in the Carpathians, the fleeing Austrians abandoning prisoners and material.

WAR NEWS.

A member of the Cyren Islands staff in a letter to the Daily Chronicle, on the occasion of the visit of the schooner Ayasha to Bzavis, remarks:—
When the 40 odd Germans who had landed on Ceos to destroy the cable station found themselves marooned owing to the flight of the Cyren they seized "King" (Cyren's) schooner Ayasha and sailed away. But the Ayasha makes four feet of water a day, and both her pumps are out of order.

GERMANY GETTING TIRED.

A correspondent of the "Evening News" who has just returned from Berlin says she finds a different tone there. Berlin is becoming duller daily, feeling an air raid. The Germans still believe in final victory, but are getting tired of the length of the war.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK.

Petrograd, official: The German cruiser Friedrich Karl was sunk during the last sortie in the Baltic Sea. Two-thirds of the crew were drowned and less than two hundred were saved.

POLAND FIRST: WESTERN WORK LATER.

LONDON, Dec. 18.
The Petrograd correspondent of "The Times" reports that Germans on the French front state that the Kaiser ordered Warsaw to be taken at all costs. Our present task, he said, "is in Poland and the time to settle business in the West is later." It is understood that General Hindenburg will be reinforced by nine corps within a month: three were sent recently. Two have been sent to Hungary and twenty remain in Poland.

SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Record shipping freights are reported in London where 40% for grain from the River Plate to England is recorded, compared with 12% in the summer. 95% for cotton from Savannah to Liverpool is also unannounced.

ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS FROM LANDWEHR.

Heartily Sick of the War.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
The Press Bureau has issued a statement by Eyewitness which says: The opposition now encountered really amounts to a maze of fire trenches and obstacles, whereof every known form is used. "The rate of advance is necessarily slow, though tactically we gain a few yards which may be important in facilitating further operations."

It appears from the evidence of prisoners that many of the Landwehr are heartily sick of the war and resent the harsh treatment of officers. They have been persuaded that the British ill-treat prisoners, otherwise they would surrender. The Germans appear to be deserting their famous helmets and are covering the red bands of forage caps with strips of grey cloth. Also there are many variations of uniforms which are evidence that certain units facing us are much under strength.

THE YORKSHIRE RAID.

Condition of Bombed Towns.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
Correspondents touring the bombed towns are astounded at the wholesale destruction. The Germans apparently directed a vivid fire over the widest possible area. Even an earthquake would not cause such ruin. The residential quarters of Harlepool are chiefly damaged and the shopping quarter is hardly touched.

Work is proceeding at the work-shops and docks as usual and the train service is normal. The only public inconvenience is the partial stoppage of gas supply. Latest information from Scarborough says women and children figure largely in the casualties.

American newspapers say the result of the raid will be to stiffen John Bull. The attempt to frighten the English by the possibility of a raid is ludicrous seeing that Britain and France command the sea as never before.

WAR ORPHANS.

Adoption by American Families.

The "Chicago Tribune," one of the most influential papers in the United States, has started a scheme for ameliorating the lot of orphans left destitute by the war, irrespective of creed or nationality. It proposes to find homes in American families for these children with a view to legal adoption, or home for three years with subsequent return to their native lands if desired.

A special commissioner of the "Tribune" will shortly arrive in Europe to arrange for carrying out the plan, which has aroused great enthusiasm in the United States, and to investigate legal and other difficulties, if any. As it is especially desired to help Belgian orphans, the active support of Cardinal Mercier of Malines, who recently returned to Belgium from England, will be sought. The "Tribune" telegraphically to the Editor of "The Times" that homes have already been found for 400 war orphans.

WAR NEWS.

A DAY AT KIEL.

LONDON, Dec. 22.
An American correspondent has cabled to New York a description of a day in Kiel harbour. He says the Germans have great faith in their new "super-submarine." The crews of the two built as well as in harbour have 300 hours' gun drill daily, and eleven thousand men are working day and night in the dockyard finishing ships which are due to be ready in three months. Nevertheless, the Germans are not over-elated.

FLYING MEN EXCHANGE XMAS GREETINGS.

The Raid on Friedrichshafen.

LONDON, Dec. 22.
German aeroplanes at Dunkirk dropped messages asking that enquiries be made for the body of the son of a German general, given news of a captured French airman and wishing the French airman a happy Christmas.

A Rome telegram says that since the raid on Friedrichshafen, not a single airship has emerged from the sheds, and the most careful precautions have been taken against a fresh attack.

In the daring aerial raid made by Lieutenant E. F. Briggs, R.N., of the Royal Flying Corps, on the German Zeppelin station at Friedrichshafen, on Lake Constance, he was accompanied by Lieutenant J. T. Babington, R.N., also of the Royal Flying Corps, and Sippe, French aviator. Lieutenant Briggs led the flight, which began on November 22, from Bolfort, in France. Flying at a height of 11,400 metres (about 4300 ft.) he crossed Alsace and followed the valley of the Rhine eastward to Schaffhausen, on the Wurtemberg frontier of Switzerland.

Here he was pursued by a fog, which hid the country below, and bore away in mistake to the northward. Lieutenant Babington and Sippe, without seeing each other, followed up the Rhine to Lake Constance, which Sippe crossed in the thick mist, though only a few feet above the surface he was not seen. When Sippe reached Friedrichshafen, on the northern shore of Lake Constance, he rose just above the tops of the houses, and then sighted Briggs, who had rectified his course and was dropping bombs on the German Zeppelin station, from which showers of shrapnel were hurled round his aeroplane. Sippe also dropped bombs on the airship sheds and workshops, and saw the workmen fleeing in panic. He then bore off and alighted at his starting point, Bolfort, on the French side of the Alsace frontier.

After a three hours' flight, Lieutenant Babington also returned in safety, and alighted near by. Meanwhile Briggs had been wounded by the shrapnel, and fought with his revolver when his aeroplane was brought down until he was captured.

Christmas at the Front.

BRITAIN'S GIFT TO HER SOLDIER BOYS.

There are indications that Christmas at the front will be merrier than at home. For days special staffs have been very busy sorting and despatching Britain's mighty Christmas Box for her soldiers. It consists chiefly of warm clothing, sweets, cakes, tinned milk and tobacco.

Princess Mary's Fund for providing Christmas gifts to the troops totalled on Monday, £151,700. The soldiers are keenly anticipating merry-making. French military cocks are learning to make plum puddings.

Mr. Seymour Hicks is taking a company of leading artists to give a week's entertainment in the soldiers' line of communication.

LONDON, Dec. 24.
Princess Mary's fund for providing gifts for the troops amounted on Tuesday to one hundred and fifty-three thousand two hundred sterling.

BREACH OF P'ROLE.

Bangalore, 23rd Nov.—The Revs. A. H. Bach and G. Schmidt, managers of the German Basel Evangelical Mission Orphanage in Bangalore (Coorg) having committed a breach of parole by teaching the Orphanage children to regard the English nation as their enemies, were brought into Bangalore under military escort and will be sent to Ahmednagar.

SOAP FIRMS' TRADE MARK.

Interim Injunction Granted.

JAPANESE FIRM AS DEFENDANT.

On behalf of Messrs William Gossage & Son, soap manufacturers, of Widnes, Lancashire, England, Mr. E. J. P. Davies, applied to the Chief Justice (Sir William Davies) this morning for an interim injunction restraining the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, of Japan and Hongkong, and their servants and agents from infringing trade marks used by plaintiffs by selling or advertising or offering for sale in packages of soap which were a colourable imitation of those used and registered by plaintiffs.

Mr. J. J. Jenkins said he was instructed that Mr. Jenkins, on behalf of defendants, was prepared to consent to go, interim in reference to his Lordship to affidavits on the file, these including one by Mr. W. G. Humphreys, of Messrs W. G. Humphreys and Co., plaintiffs, agents in Hongkong, who spoke of the alleged infringement. The plaintiff's case was set out in a wrapper bearing the Chinese characters for "Lung Fat Kam," by which name it was generally known to the Chinese, and defendants imported into this Colony soap in a wrapper bearing precisely the same characters, and of somewhat similar colour and shape to that used by plaintiffs. The Chinese characters did not form part of Messrs Gossage's English trade mark, but were specially registered in Hongkong.

Mr. Jenkins consented to an interim injunction, and said defendants were not at this stage in a position to defend the action. Their position was that their only interest in the soap complained of was as selling agents for a firm in Japan. Their position as selling agents for Mitsui Bussan Kaisha had been advised upon, that, advised had been sent to Japan and they were awaiting instructions from the chief office. Defendants did not in any way admit the allegations of infringement. As a matter of fact they had only been selling the soap during the last fortnight. His Lordship granted the interim injunction on the usual terms.

Plaintiffs' For plaintiffs Messrs W. G. Humphreys and Co., Ltd., Messrs W. G. Humphreys and Co., Ltd., Messrs W. G. Humphreys and Co., Ltd.

WAR NEWS.

DEFECTIVE TORPEDOES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.
Paris.—Official: An Austrian submarine launched two torpedoes at a French battleship in the Straits of Otranto. One hit, but there was little damage and no casualties.

FRENCH WAR CREDIT.

LONDON, Dec. 24.
Paris.—The Parliament has voted unanimously amid cheers war credits exceeding 341 millions sterling. Parliament has adjourned indefinitely.

SUCCESS OF AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES.

LONDON, Dec. 25.
Petrograd.—Official: The German vanguard attempted to cross the frontier in the direction of Mlava. German losses as the result of our counter-attack at the Baura and Ravka rivers may be computed from the fact that we counted more than a thousand dead round Siermiwicalone. The success of our operations is due to the success of our automobile batteries. The Russians shattered three German resistance in the direction of Yan, capturing prisoners and arms. During the fighting in western Galicia, on the 20th inst., the twenty-sixth division of the Austrian Landwehr, marching without precautions, south of Tarkovo, fell into an ambush. Russians holding a ridge parallel with the road suddenly fired machine-guns, decimating the enemy, who fled in disorder leaving 1,500 dead. The Russians on Sunday and Monday captured 4,200 Austrians in western Galicia. The Russian and Austro-German front extends from Ilid to the river Dunajec, and from Warsaw to Cracow, roughly 80 miles north and south.

THE ALLEGED ROBBERY AT YAUMATI.

The charge of armed robbery against six Chinese, alleged to have taken place at 5, Shanghai Street, Yaumati, was resumed before Mr. Hazeland this afternoon.

Mr. Goldring appeared on behalf of the first three defendants, Mr. Preston represented the fifth, and the fourth and sixth defendants were unrepresented. The prosecution was conducted by Inspector Gerrard.

It was alleged that the defendants rushed into the house early one morning, when the chief occupier was bidding farewell to a friend, seized the fob and stole money and clothing.

Mr. Goldring had suggested that the fob had gambled away money belonging to their master and had brought the charge to save themselves.

A woman gave evidence to the effect that subsequent to the robbery she saw the sixth defendant with a large sum of money and a number of bangles. Defendant paid her \$40 and she asked him what he was going to do with all the money was gone, he said he did not care but could go to "and dig for some more."

Witness did not know how much money the defendant had left, but he had a roll of notes and promised to buy her for \$300. She did not think the roll of notes would amount to that sum.

The case was again adjourned.

CANTON ITEMS.

(By Our Canton Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 31, 1914.
The Fatsan Electric Light Co. presents a healthy record of prosperity since its establishment, but the fact that the machines are capable of only a very limited amount of power has given them not a little trouble. An additional dynamo was installed last month but complaints are being continually received from the consumers on account of the dimness of the lights furnished. At the present time the Co. is discussing the advisability of ordering at once a large engine and more efficient dynamo.

The Kwang Tung Government is negotiating for a foreign loan of £750,000, through Mr. C. S. Page, of Shanghai. This money is to be used in developing the two railway stations at Sai Fa How and Wang Yuen Kwan. It has been agreed to by both Financial and Communication Boards. \$40,000 is to be deposited each month in the Bank of China and the principal will be the income of the Kwang Tung Railway which has hitherto been over \$2,500,000 a year.

A movement is now on foot in Canton having for its object the establishment of a strong and efficient Medical College for the training of native physicians. There are already several institutions of this kind, but the nature of the work done in some of them could hardly be commended favourably upon while the best are far from being too good to be improved. If a combination of some kind could be effected by which the clinical work of all the larger hospitals could be drawn upon and the most skillful of the doctors in charge be interested in the work, it is fairly probable a really good Medical College might be established. We sincerely hope the movement will prosper.

A sum of money to defray the administrative expenses of Kwang Tung provinces, Governor-General Lung and Civil General Li jointly memorialized the President, asking permission to change the present "Flood of Goodwill Letters" into a permanent gift to be known as the "Kwang Tung Revue of Letters," the privilege to be granted to a merchant by the name of Pak Yuen Sam who is willing to pay a sum of \$420,000 annually for this grant. Interference to the telegram of the Governor-General was given them by proceeding with the matter, and the announcement has been made that on Jan. 1st the scheme will be launched. Tickets are to be sold at \$10 and 20 cents each. This, of course, means the withdrawal of the "Flood of Goodwill Letters" from the market, and the "Kwang Tung Revue of Letters" will be the only one left.

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